

GRACE For Addictions

A One Step Program

Part 13

UN-THANKFULNESS:

Romans 1:21 "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened."

The book of Romans is talking to Christians. Throughout the book of Romans, Paul reveals the real mess Christians get themselves into. Here are the four reasons he gives as to why Christians get so messed up:

1. We choose **not** to glorify God.
2. Choosing not to glorify God causes our heart to become un-thankful.
3. When we become un-thankful, our imagination or the picture part of us is vain, empty or darkened.
4. When we have no picture, we can see no way of escape.

When the light in the foolish heart is dark we are robbed of being able to see our way out of our problems.

THANKFULNESS:

I Thessalonians 5:18 "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

Just as voiced un-thankfulness steals our imagination and darkens our heart, voiced thankfulness creates a picture in our imagination and produces light in our heart. That picture is our way through our test and trials. When tempted to go back to our former addiction, we need to see a way out.

WE CREATE OUR SOLUTION

Just as not giving glory to God causes our hearts to be darkened; giving glory to God causes the reverse to take place.

1. We choose to give glory to God.
2. This causes us to remain thankful.
3. Being thankful causes our imagination to be positive.
4. Our imagination gives us the light necessary to see our destiny.

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QUESTIONS

1. List the four things in Romans 1:21 that create our problems?
2. Do we give thanks to God in our tests and trials or for our tests and trials?
3. Are voiced thankfulness and voiced un-thankfulness directly attached to our imagination?

ANSWERS

1. Four things listed in Romans 1:21 that create our problems are:
 1. WE choose not to give glory to God
 2. We become un-thankful
 3. Our imagination becomes empty
 4. Our heart is darkened and we are robbed of our ability to see our way through our problems.
2. We are to give thanks in our tests and trials. I Thessalonians 5:18
3. Yes. Our thankfulness gives us a picture of our destiny and our un-thankfulness steals that picture.